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**Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35504, *Union Pacific Railroad Company* –  
*Petition for Declaratory Order***

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board's decision served on December 12, 2011 in the above-captioned docket, and its subsequent decision served on December 22, 2011, U.S. Magnesium, LLC ("USM") hereby submits its notice of intent to participate in the captioned proceeding as a party of record. Please show the undersigned as counsel of record for USM in this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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cc: Dr. Howard I. Kaplan